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1. Soldiers wearing red service color were seen near the Soviet kommandatura on the east side of Jahnstrasse, Urfahr (N 49/V 89), on 21 February 1951. The kommandatura was a two-story building with 35 windows on its north side and 45 windows on its south side. A colonel wearing red service color was observed on Reindlstrasse north of the kommandatura. Opel-Blitz truck [ ] and Black Mercedes sedan [ ] were parked in the yard of the kommandatura.
2. Wanderer sedan [ ] command car [ ] Opel-Olympia sedan [ ] occupied by a lieutenant and two MI; and Soviet-made Ford truck [ ] loaded with lumber, were observed in the streets of Urfahr.
3. The Auhof Kaserne is 4 km northeast of the Urfahr railroad station, on the southeast side of the road to Altenberg (O 49/V 89) which branches off from the Urfahr-Freistadt (O 49/Q 91) highway near Dornach. The distance between the Auhof Kaserne and the road junction is about 700 meters. The entire installation is surrounded by a board fence. The 6 two-story barracks buildings are in the northeastern section of the billeting area, while a large drill ground covers the southwestern section. The drill ground contained a wooden garage and a wooden shed apparently housing a repair shop. A watchtower, about 4 meters high, is south of the two wooden buildings. Two wooden barracks buildings and a wooden shed, the latter storing artillery pieces, were northeast of the brick buildings in the northeastern section of the billeting area on 21 February. The Auhof Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red service color, who apparently were quartered in only three of the six barracks buildings, since some of the windows of the other buildings had no glass. A platoon was engaged in attack training at the drill ground. The soldiers were carrying infantry arms. Sixteen guns, each with a two-wheel rubber-tired limber, were in the wooden shed in the northeastern section of the billeting area. The guns had wheels with rubber tires, a split-trail carriage and a square shield extending over the gun wheels. They had no muzzle brakes. About 60 trucks were in the wooden garage in the southwestern section of the installation. \*

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